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To: Colorado River Valley Field Office Staff
From: Field Manager, Colorado River Valley Field Office
Subject: Special Recreation Permit Guidance regarding Governor's Tags

The Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) currently permits many big game hunting outfitters. Governor's Tag recipients can hunt with any of these outfitters in their permitted areas under their current BLM big game hunting permits, using existing terms and conditions. Their permit information can be found at: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/crvfo/recreation/SRP.html>

The CRVFO recognizes that not all BLM public lands within the field office boundary are currently permitted for big game hunting. For those areas that are not currently permitted, Governor's Tag recipients may contact any permitted big game hunting outfitter within CRVFO for a guided hunt in that location. The permit holder must then contact the CRVFO to request the modification to their permit for this exception. This exception will remain in place until the Resource Management Plan (RMP) decision is final. The CRVFO has responded to similar requests for Governor's Tag hunts based on this guidance and needs to be consistent and fair to all potential applicants – as well as to our permitted outfitters.

CRVFO is currently not accepting new applications for permits to guide big game hunts within the field office. In some areas, CRVFO does not accept applications for Special Recreation Permits (SRP) for some activities due to management prescriptions, resource concerns, allocation issues, current planning guidance and/or use or user conflicts (including crowding, limited infrastructure and or limited landscape), or resource conflicts with unguided publics. These decisions are made in our RMP, which we are currently revising and expect to be final in 2014. We may revisit our decision to not issue new applications after the RMP Revision is complete.

This guidance will remain in effect until rescinded. Decisions relating to issuance of permits after the RMP Record of Decision is completed will be made in accordance with the Final Plan and subsequent management decisions.

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